



Education Standards and Practices Board

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MINUTES -- JULY 19, 1996

Friday, July 19, 1996

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by vice-chairperson Dr. Doug Johnson on Friday, July 19, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. Members of the Board present were Dr. Doug Johnson, Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Michael Schatz, Dr. Mary Harris, Bev Sandness, Executive Director Marilyn Ridenhower, and new ex-officio Board member Dr. Gary Gronberg. Members of the Board absent were Maryjane Martens, Susan Andrews, Don Haugen, and Board Intern Deb Jensen.

Visitors present were Ruth Stefonowicz, Nancy Sand, and Joe Westby from NDEA.

A motion was made by Linda Davis and seconded by Randy Gordon to accept the minutes from the April 25, 1996, ESPB meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Davis and seconded by Mike Schatz to accept the minutes from the July 8, 1996, ESPB conference call. The motion carried.

Marilyn Ridenhower informed the Board that a total of \$151,800.00 was collected in revenue as of June 30, 1996. The total budget for the entire year will be addressed at the September ESPB meeting.

A director's report was given by Marilyn Ridenhower. Several topics discussed were substitute pay for program approval team meetings, a letter on program approval to be sent to the universities, and business with Connecting Point pertaining to our records.

Dr. Mary Harris made a motion that the ESPB reimburse institutions of higher education for state program approval for actual expenses. Randy Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Mary Harris that the guidelines reflect that the chair of the program approval visiting team be a representative from an institution of higher learning. Bev Sandness seconded the motion.

The motion was tabled and will be further discussed at our September ESPB meeting.

Marilyn Ridenhower stated that Paul Anderson has relinquished his certificate voluntarily in Montana and will now be going through the formal procedures.

Marilyn Ridenhower also stated that John Cothern did go on trial in Washington, but we have not heard the outcome.

A formal welcome was extended to Dr. Gary Gronberg from DPI, our new ex-officio Board member.

The Request for Inquiry case between Wayne and Paulette Mattheis and Heide Houmann was reviewed by the Board. Marilyn Ridenhower recommended that a letter be sent to resolve the issue through local administration.

A motion was made by Dr. Mary Harris to decline this case on the grounds of lack of substantial evidence. The motion was seconded by Linda Davis. The motion carried.

The Request for Inquiry case involving Meredith Gross and David Collins was also reviewed by the Board. This is the second complaint against David Collins.

Dr. Mary Harris made a motion to decline to hear this case and that we advise the parents of the social services abuse processes. Randy Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Request for Inquiry case between Kim Bloms and Elizabeth Mullen was also discussed by the Board. The Board believes there was potential misuse in administering medication and probable unprofessional behavior on Elizabeth Mullen.

A motion was made by Dr. Mary Harris that we delay the hearing of this case pending a request for social service investigation and notification of the teacher of the potential impact of our action in North Dakota. The motion was seconded by Linda Davis. The motion carried.

A discussion was held by the Board on speedy service for certificates. Robert Lane from the Attorney General's Office sent a letter stating that fees are based on the type of certificates issued, not on speed. The Attorney General's Office suggested we do a screening of questions for a serious emergency situation. There might be a possible conference call pertaining to speedy service.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The next ESPB meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 1996.



ESPB Chair



ESPB Executive Director
Secretary